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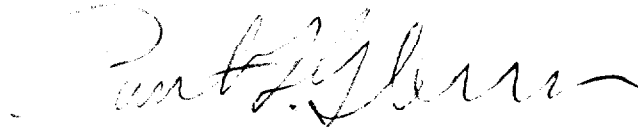
Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I read with interest your comments in the current issue of "THINK" concerning the possibility of discovering enzymes designed to dissolve specific types of scar tissue without affecting normal tissues. This idea seemed to me closely related to a theory on aging concerning the cross-linkage of protein molecules developed by Dr. Johan Bjorksten of Madison, Wisconsin. I have enclosed reprints of some of Dr. Bjorksten's articles and would appreciate any comments you care to make concerning this theory.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Paul F. Glenn

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Enclosures

Dr. Bjorksten's ideas are well known and must be regarded as a provocative and interesting hypothesis, for which there is so far only a little concrete evidence. These "molecular scars" certainly have to be considered and studied carefully together with the grosser ones I had more immediately in mind & a great deal of work remains to be done. The problem will be solved. What then?

J. L.